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NOTE FOR JMM

USIA authorization passed Congress.

It provides that USIA must furnish within 35 days to Foreign Relations or Foreign Affairs Committees, upon their request, any document, paper, communication, etc. in the custody or control of USIA and relating to USIA. If not provided, funds for USIA will be stopped.

Excluded: Communications between USIA and the President.

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CONGRESSIONAL RECORD — HOUSE

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Mr. Hays moves to strike out all after the enacting clause of the bill S. 1317 and insert in lieu thereof the provisions of H.R. 9715 as passed, as follows:

That this Act may be cited as the "United States Information Agency Appropriations Authorization Act of 1973".

Sec. 2. (a) There are authorized to be appropriated for the United States Information Agency for fiscal year 1974, to carry out international informational activities and programs under the United States Information and Educational Exchange Act of 1948, the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, and Reorganization Plan Numbered 8 of 1959, and other purposes authorized by law, the following amounts:

(1) \$203,279,000 for "Salaries and expenses" (special foreign currency program), except that so much of such amount as may be appropriated for "Salaries and expenses (special foreign currency program)" may be appropriated without fiscal year limitation;

(2) \$5,125,000 for "Special international exhibitions" and "Special international exhibitions (special foreign currency program)", of which not to exceed \$1,000,000 shall be available solely for the Eighth Series of Travelling Exhibitions in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics; and

(3) \$1,000,000 for "Acquisition and construction of radio facilities".

Amounts appropriated under paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection are authorized to remain available until expended.

(b) In addition to amounts authorized by subsection (a) of this section, there are authorized to be appropriated without fiscal year limitation for the United States Information Agency for the fiscal year 1974 the following additional or supplemental amounts:

(1) not to exceed \$7,200,000 for increases in salary, pay, retirement, or other employee benefits authorized by law; and

(2) not to exceed \$7,450,000 for additional overseas costs resulting from the devaluation of the dollar.

Sec. 3. The United States Information Agency shall, upon request by Little League Baseball, Incorporated, authorize the purchase by such corporation of copies of the film "Summer Fever", produced by such agency in 1972 depicting events in Little League Baseball in the United States. Except as otherwise provided by section 501 of the United States Information and Educational Exchange Act of 1948, Little League Baseball, Incorporated, shall have exclusive rights to distribute such film for viewing within the United States in furtherance of the object and purposes of such corporation as set forth in section 3 of the Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the Little League Baseball, Incorporated", approved July 16, 1964 (78 Stat. 325).

SEC. 4. (a) After the expiration of any thirty-five day period beginning on the date the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate or the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives has delivered to the office of the Director of the United States Information Agency a written request that the committee be furnished any document, paper, communication, audit, review, finding, recommendation, report, or other material in the custody or control of such agency, and relating to such agency, none of the funds made available to such agency shall be obligated unless and until there has been furnished to the committee making the request the document, paper, communication, audit, review, finding, recommendation, report, or other material so requested. The written request to the agency shall be over the signature of the chairman of the committee acting upon a majority vote of the committee.

(b) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to any communication that is directed by the President to a particular officer or employee of the United States Information Agency or to any communication directed by any such officer or employee to the President.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate bill was ordered to be read a third time, was read the third time, and passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

A similar House bill (H.R. 9715) was laid on the table.